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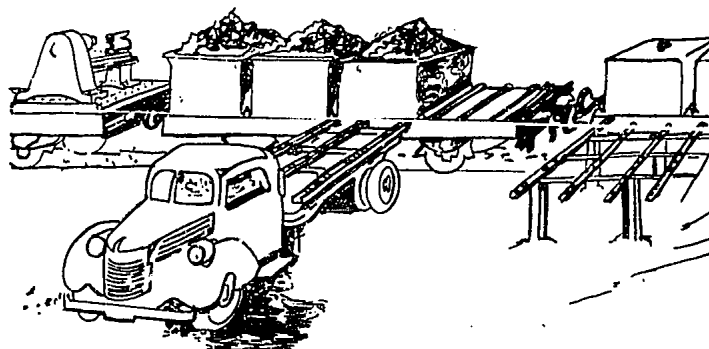
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CZECH EXPERIMENTS WITH NEW TRANSPORTATION MEDIUM

Several Czechoslovak ministries and the Czechoslovak State Railroads are preparing to conduct experiments with a new transportation medium suggested by Zdenek Matejka, Army engineer. The suggestion calls for containers, or transporters [see accompanying sketch], usable on trucks as well as on flatcars. Each transporter would have the capacity of a 4 to 4.5-ton dump truck and a flatcar could carry four of them. The transporters, measuring a standard 2 x 3 meters, either covered or open, are intended to carry both perishables and non-perishables and could be loaded directly onto flatcars from a conventional truck. Both truck and flatcar are equipped with rails and locking devices. Separate, permanent platforms on the side of the railroad track could accommodate nonperishable goods until further transportation is available. Matejka says that conventional trucks as well as flatcars could be equipped with the necessary attachments at low cost and that the device would eliminate all transloading, requiring only an initial loading and a final unloading operation.

[Sketch follows:]



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